CHARACTERS IN THE MYSTERIOUS POISONING CASE AND CLEWS WITH WHICH THE POLICE HAVE TRIED TO FIND THE GUILTY ONE.



Chief McCluskey and Cornish Hunted the City for Him All of Yesterday—He May Be Able to Solve the Mystery.

Cyanide of Potassium NOT the Poison Used—Silver Holder Sent to Mrs. Hovey Missing from the Hovey Home.



ENRY C. CORNISH and Chief of Detectives McCluskey spent all day vesterday and up to I o'clock this morning looking for a former member of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club who the police say has knowledge of the person who sent the poison better showing with the snow yesterday which killed Mrs. Adams.

The suspect will probably be arrested before this edition of the Journal is in the | Weather Bureau having prophested that it ands of the public.

Up to a year ago this man was a member of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club. He then became engaged in a controversy with Corninsh about club matters. The governors of the club sustained Cornish, and he resigned.

At the Knickerbocker Club, yesterday, several of the members recalled this incident, and wondered why the police had not worked on this line before.

Mr. Molineaux is superintendent and partner in the firm of Morris, Herman & Co., re a color makers, at Nos. 6, 8 and 10 Jersey street, Newark. They have a New York office at No. 225 Pearl

Mr. Molineaux is very much interested in athletics, and lives occasionally at the Hotel Wal-

dorf and at the New York Athletic Club, of which he is a prominent member. In January last, when the Knickerbocker Athletic Club was preparing to give an amateur circus, Mr. Molineaux and Mr. Cornish became involved in a controversy as to who should direct

Cornish resented the interference of Mr. Molineaux, and appealed to the governors, who sustained him. Then Mr. Molineaux resigned and joined the New York Athletic Club.

The Journal learned definitely last night that the poison which was sent in the bromo seltzer bottle was not evanide of potassium, but a preparation of mercury.

Neither Captain McClusky nor Assistant District-Attorney McIntyre would say a word last night

as to who they were seeking to send to justice for the murder. "It is not Cornish; it is not Rogers; it is not any fool degenerate," said Mr. McIntyre. "It was not a woman who sent the poison. It was not a case of poisoning through jealousy, due to woman.

It was a plain case of spite.' Captain McCluskey said: "Our man lives between Twenty-third and Fifty-ninth streets. That's

HE sliver holder received by Mrs. Hovey two years ago is no longer in the Hovey home.

A Journal reporter has visited the Hovey home at Hartford, Conn., and has seen the bric-a-brac table on which it stood. There is now no article of the kind in the house,

Mrs. Hovey denied that she had received a gift in any way resembling the match holder which was sent with the poisoned bromo-seltzer to Harry Cornish. She refused to discuss the matter or the possibility that she have received such a holder and since forgotten it.

The friend of Mrs. Hovey who identified for a Journal correspondent Saturday a duplicate of the holder which Cornish received with the poison, as resembling a gift to Mrs. Hovey, came to this city from Hartford

Saturday hight. She said yesterday to a Journal reporter: "I am positive that Mrs. Hovey received as a Christmas gift two years ago an article strikingly like the duplicate holder shown me in Hartford. Mrs. Hovey's gift was of the same size, the same shape and the same general appearance. I do not remember if it had the beaded edges or a different design, as I have not seen it Writer Declares That If Senator Burke for some time. But I am sure it was very like it.

"It came to Mrs. Hovey from a friend of ours whom I saw about six months ago. It used to be on the mble which holds bric-a-brac in her house. I have not been inside the house for two months, and I don't remember if it was there then.

"If it is the holder Mr. Cornish received I believe that some one wishing to do Mrs. Hovey harm took it special delivery letter to Senator Hanna from her house and sent it to Mr. Cornish, who was Mrs. Hovey's friend. They were friends when I knew her but forgetting to sign his name. The letter

## "QUEER PRESENT,"

CORNISH VISITS

## CORNISH LIVED FAST IN CHICAGO.

HANDWRITING KEPT BY MERE CHANCE.

PRESENT,"

SAID CORNISH.

on January 1. 1896. Cornish heard of this action, and on December 13, 1895, he tendered his resignation. It was accepted on December 20, but he remained with the club until January 10, when he went to New York. Something of an effort was made by his friends to hold him in the club, but it falled.

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"If you'll save that handwriting you'll see some like it written by one of the boys," said the attendant, "and then you'll know who sent it."

Former Speaker O'Grady, George C. Austion about the altar ignited from a candle, the countries of the score or more special counsel to various State departments are much the Tiffany envelope which had come likely to lose their jobs if Governor Roose-luside of the parcei, and gave them to the attendant. The latter threw away everything but the envelope. That he took to the little desk in which he kept some books relating to the gymunsium, and put it carefully away. He meant to find out who had played the "joke" on Cornish. Thus the envelope was the only specimen of handwriting saved, for the outside wrapper was well and that the employment of them is a needless extravagance.

Madison avenue, when the holiday decornation about the altar ignited from a candle. The pastor was preaching when a woman in a front pew jumped up, crying, "Fire!" As one man, the congregation rose and in a moment there was tumult. As if guided by some kidden spirit, all turned toward the pastor to find him standing with arm uplifted as he spoke.

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## CLUBMEN SAY IT WAS A MAN. ary

H ENRY CORNISH and Knickerbocker Athletic Club members generally seemed to have become convinced yesterday that a man and not a woman sent the poison to Cornish. In fact, Cornish so stated yesterday. They asserted in private that that man was a

Members of the Knickerbocker Club believe that the guilty person is now in this elty, or very near it, and that so soon as of the First class were given a New Year's



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SNOW BRIGADE BEGINS

McCartney Says He Will Have a Big Force at Work To-day and Every Flake Will Be Swept Up.

The Street Cleaning Department made a

have a still larger force at work to-mor- wind and Curtin's cab did flag.

## EIGHT YEARS OLD, YET RAN AWAY FROM HOME.

Little Rodney Zeikman Sent on an Errand December 26 Was Brought Back Repentant Yesterday.

Egg Harbor, N. J., Jan. 1:-After having seen a truant for six days, eight-year-old three On December 26 his father, Harry Smith bre Zelkman, sent little Rodney on an errand

# THREATENED ANONYMOUSLY.

Is Disbarred Death Will Be the Penalty.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 1 .- Some one sent a s is printed in penell to disguise the writer's

hid Dog Hanna filled with lead would polliste the While Holiday Decorations Blaze About Officials Think That Bennett Was Poi

of having a head on me," he remarked to Special Counsel Will Probably Be Done Away With by New Attorney-

First Class Men at Annapolis Will Be Graduated in February.

getting gift to day that made them happy-



Demanded Six, Hence a Pretty Fix for Fare.

YEAR OF BETTER WORK. AND LOTS OF TROUBLE. MAY PLUG A "BARREL"

but Had the Maw of a Savings Bank.

## PASTOR STAYS A PANIC IN A CHURCH FIRE.

the Altar He Calls to the Congregation to Be Calm.

Episcopai Church, Eighty-ninth street, near suddenly yesterday, and the doctors have Madison avenue, when the holiday decorn- not been able to ascribe the cause of

FOUND DEAD IN A SALOON.

of a Poorly Clad Man.

# MAN FROZEN TO DEATH

Platt Machine Repub-

For Cabby Drank Like Any Tank, Report of Bank Superintendent Kilburn Touches Forbidden Subject.

Oh! list to the tale of a bold cabman, Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.-Another attack 21 who chased his fare all night; he'd been on Senator Platt's legislative receipts was

York would be upon him Morton street. He is a paper dealer at fif-ty-six liar to those placed on banks, but the Platt

New Year's Eve did go unto the Harlem tor from an anti-Platt region, a friend of Financial Embarrassment of One of the part engaged Op'ry House to see the blooming show. He former Governor Black and billeted for re-

## SUGGESTS A POISONER.

soned and Robbed by a Com-

DRAW TWO SALARIES. By the presence of mind of the key, w. Salem S. his parishioners, a panic was averted are investigating the death of Mason Ben

## ed JACK TARS GREETED THE NEW YEAR'S BIRTH.

out and the new year in according to the time-honored way of the pavy. Just before JOY FOR FIGHTING CADETS. Police Regard as Suspicious the Death 12 o'clock "eight belis" was struck, the old year dying with the echoes of the las

Two Young Women Also Victims of Exposure in the Snowstorm and Pitiless Blast.

AND DRUNKEN BOY DYING.

Knickenfroken Athletic Huf-Machin And and Fruntyfifth Street

Death and sickness from exposure The Cabman Wanted Double, It Is a Painful Surprise to hand in hand with the snowstorm and the

## WILL NOT BE SHUT DOWN

Largest Woollen Factories in America Is No Trifling Affair, However.

Boston, Jan. 1.-The assignment of the

total liabilities of the company may

# O'Neill's

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